

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens, according to claim 1,~~ A holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens on a patients eyeball, comprising:

an eyelid opener portion having a upper portion that pulls and opens an upper eyelid and a lower portion that pulls and opens a lower eyelid;

a holding portion that holds the vitreous body surgical contact lens on the eyeball the holding portion located in an open space between the upper portion and the lower portion; and

a connecting portion that connects the holding portion and the eyelid opener portion, the connecting portion including an elastic member that extends across at least a portion of the open space so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and the eyeball is continuously adjustable during surgery without canceling a connection state of the eyelid opener portion and the holding portion;

wherein the connecting portion comprises a pair of elastic closed loop members for connecting the holding portion in a semi-fixed state.

13. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 12, wherein the holding portion includes a pair of engaging portions disposed opposite one another on the holding apparatus and the pair of elastic closed loop members engages with the pair of engaging portions.

14. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18, wherein at least one or more engaging holes for engaging with the

engaging portions of said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens are provided in the closed loop members having the ring shape.

15. (Currently Amended) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18,

—————wherein a substantially rectangular engaging hole is provided in the closed loop members having the ring shape.

16 - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 13, wherein the pair of elastic closed loop members are rubber members having a ring shape.

19. (New) The holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 12, wherein the holding portion includes an engaging portion and the holding portion is connected to the eyelid opener portion via the engaging portion.

20. (New) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 19, wherein a lower inner circumferential surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is chamfered following a shape of the eyeball.

21. (New) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 19, wherein a surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is frosted.

22. (New) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 19, wherein the engaging portion engages with the connecting portion in at least two places.

23. (New) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 12, wherein said eyelid opener portion has a structure in which the upper portion and the lower portion are integrated.

24. (New) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 12, wherein said holding portion has a shape of a ring.

25. (New) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 12, wherein the pair of elastic closed members are cord bodies.

26. (New) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 18, wherein the rubber members are silicone rubber members.

27. (New) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 12, wherein said holding portion has engaging portions engaging with the pair of elastic closed members, and wherein the pair of elastic closed members have holes to be engaged with the engaging portion.